



Pat McTarsney

Softball coach McTarsney resigns

Says teaching, coaching demand too much time

By SHARON FINK
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After 15 years of coaching at Penn State, women's softball coach Pat McTarsney resigned yesterday, effective immediately.
McTarsney cited the heavy time demands of both teaching and coaching as the reason for her decision.
"It was a difficult decision," she said, "but the time demands of the two aspects of my job — coaching and teaching — are just so heavy that I no longer feel I can do both."
The resignation has nothing to do with the Lady Lions' 17-8 performance this season, McTarsney said.
"I enjoyed this team very much. They are a fine group of athletes," she said. "Some are thinking of transferring, some don't know what they're going to do. Mainly, we don't know who the new coach will be; it'll probably be someone new, someone we've never heard of before."
McTarsney's resignation may be good in the long run, though, Carlson said. "I think it's good in a way," she said. "She had so much work to do. She was head of the regional (softball) committee, and she had a lot of work trying to manage the team and teach."
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Senior co-captain Jan Carlson said the team had felt that McTarsney was going to resign.
"We sort of had the feeling, with all the things that went on with the team this year and all the work she had to do," Carlson said. "Plus, she's been in coaching a long time. Being the co-captain, I got to talk to her a lot this year, and sometimes that's the feeling I got."
There are no plans for her successor yet, but Carlson said whoever is chosen, she hopes she or he will bring some "new blood" into the program.
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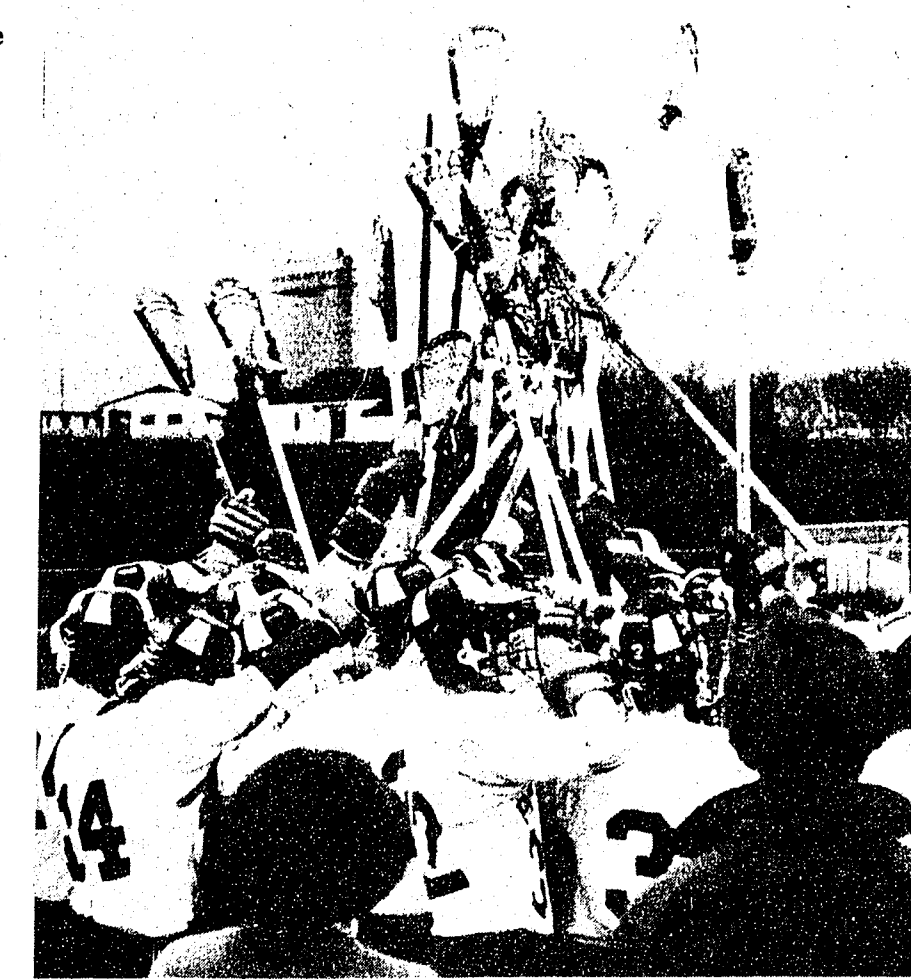
The coach's main feeling right now is confusion, Carlson said.
"Everyone doesn't know how to react. A lot are wondering what to do," she said. "Some are thinking of transferring, some don't know what they're going to do. Mainly, we don't know who the new coach will be; it'll probably be

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McTarsney has been the softball coach since 1965 — the year women's intercollegiate sports were started at Penn State. She has coached every year since then (with the exception of the one year she took off to finish her doctorate), and she has been here longer than any other woman's coach.
In 15 years, McTarsney has compiled a career record of 82-68, and in 1978 the team was selected for the Eastern regional softball tournament.
McTarsney said she plans to continue teaching at the University but she does not plan to be active in any other coaching position or involved with future softball teams.
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Lacrossemen face intrastate rivals

By BOB GROVE
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The men's lacrosse team, winner of only one of its last four games, will take on Bucknell at 7 tonight in Lewisburg.
The Lions (5-4) lost to Maryland Saturday night, 21-6, but will be looking to rebound against the Bisons (6-4), who defeated Penn State last year at Jeffrey Field.
"They're a very good team," Penn State coach Glenn Thiel said. "They have a great attack and they're a good broken-play team. And they're well disciplined."
"This is the big game of the season for them. It's an in-state rivalry and the one game on their schedule that really counts."
Both the Lions and the Bisons have defeated Drexel, Lehigh and Franklin and Marshall this season.
Bucknell's other victories have come against Wilkes, Lafayette and Gettysburg.
Bucknell, like Penn State, has lost three of its games to nationally ranked teams. The Bisons have suffered defeats to fourth-ranked Syracuse, sixth-ranked Army and 14th-ranked Rutgers in addition to their loss to Delaware.
Bucknell coach Sid Jamieson, in his 13th season with the Bisons, said he is pleased with his team's accomplishments this year.
"I think we're playing better than I had anticipated," he said. "But I'm not

sure we're better than we were last year."
Jamieson also said he doesn't think the Lions will be easy competition.
"I expect a real close game," he said. "They're better than they have been. They're running better and they have more depth in some positions."
"I'm not sure they're more skilled, but they're quicker and they have improved defensively."
Bucknell's offense is led by attacker Matt Fraser, who has 19 goals and 23 assists this season.
Other top Bison scorers include attackers Bob Mathai (19 goals, 19 assists) and Kink Smith (19 goals, eight assists) and midfielder John Morris (18 goals, seven assists).
Penn State may be looking to junior defender Tim Flanagan for its offensive punch. Flanagan has scored 14 goals and added eight assists this season, including six goals and five assists in the last two games.
"I was kind of surprised that he didn't score more early in the year," Thiel said. "We've been lucky; now that we need him, he's picking up the slack. He's a good offensive player."
Thiel said Bill Curran, the Lions' leading scorer, and midfielder Brian Herzer are out for the year, while defenseman Ken Panzer and goalie Joe Gutierrez are off the injured list. Thiel also said midfielder Bill Turri is listed as questionable for the game tonight.



The men's lacrosse team will be out for revenge when it takes on Bucknell at 7 tonight in Lewisburg. The Bisons beat the Lions last year at Jeffrey Field.

Lions need big hits against the Big Red

By MATT SLOVICK
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The team is down by a run in the bottom of the ninth. There's two outs, the bases are loaded and the count on the batter is full. Something has to give.
One of the characteristics of a good baseball team is the ability to get a hit when it counts, whether it's to keep a rally going or to knock in the winning run.
And the big base hit is something the baseball team has been lacking this year. The Lions have stranded 158 players in 20 games, including 10 against Pitt and 20 against West Virginia during a disastrous 1-3 weekend.
Penn State (14-6) will attempt to remedy its problem against Cornell (20-17) in a 1:30 p.m. double-header today at Ithaca, N.Y. Penn State swept two games from Cornell last year, 6-3 and 4-3, and leads the overall series, 10-9.
"We've had a problem getting the base hit with men on base," Penn State coach Chuck Medlar said. "We've been doing that a lot this year. All we need is a couple of times was a base hit and we would have won three games instead of losing three."
Cornell is tied with Harvard for

first place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League with an 8-3 record. Since Cornell and Harvard go against each other this weekend, the Lions will not see two of Cornell's best pitchers.
Instead, Fred Belak (1-2, 6.75) and Phil Dierker (1-2, 6.82) will pitch for Cornell. And with their high earned run averages, the Lions may get the opportunity to finally produce those big hits they've been looking for.
However, team batting leader Bill Benner (.365) reinjured his leg last weekend and it's doubtful that he'll play in the twinbill. But the Big Red must still contend with Bob Orwig (.349) and Terry Itakovsky (.340).
Penn State will counter with Mike Guman (.41, 1.69) and Mark Lambert (1-1, 5.40). Lambert lost the first game at Pitt on Saturday and gave up the game-winning hit in the second. Both of Lambert's appearances were in relief of extra innings, so Medlar has decided to give the 6-foot, 2-inch right hander a different role.
"I'd like to see how he does starting," Medlar said.
Guman and Lambert will try to stop Cornell's three top hitters: John DiGiovanni (.366), Marlin McPhail (.325) and Mike Brunca (.340).

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Finn named top female athlete...

By SHARON FINK
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Sophomore lacrosse and field hockey All-American Candy Finn won the third annual Media Award honoring Penn State's outstanding female athlete of the year at the annual Lady Lion Sports Banquet Monday night.
Sports writers and reporters from local newspapers and radio stations based their decision on three criteria: the winner must be one of the best in her sport; she must bring attention to Penn State on the national or international level; and she must have made a unique contribution to her sport.
Besides Finn, six other athletes were nominated for the award: senior Becky Binney, diving; senior Ann Carr, gymnastics; freshman Corinne Gulas, basketball; senior Kathy Mills, cross country; senior Judy Smith, fencing; and senior Gail Ramsay, tennis and squash.
"This is a real honor; I'm really shocked," Finn said when she received the award. "But of course I play with a team. And then there's the coaches and my mom."
Finn, who was also named the Most Valuable Player of the women's lacrosse team, was a field hockey All-American last fall, and this spring she started for the U.S. national women's lacrosse team in its series with England. She carried the U.S. team's leading scorer, and in two seasons of varsity lacrosse she has scored 106 goals. Finn could possibly break all Penn State scoring records before the graduates.
The MVP award, though, was the highlight of the night for Finn.
"I think the MVP is one of the best because it's selected by my teammates," she said. "With the media one, it's nice to know you have backup for what you do. I think it's really neat, though. I'm really psyched."
Tennis and national squash champion Ramsay also received several honors in recognition of her four years of play in tennis and her four national intercollegiate squash championships. She was named the MVP of the tennis team and received special honors for her squash titles.
This year Ramsay became the first individual to win four consecutive squash national titles and was presented a statue of the Nittany Lion — the same statue that is presented to all Penn State athletes who achieve All-American status.
"This is the nicest thing," Ramsay

said. "I have to thank the athletic directors, Richie Lucas and Della Duran for their support and understanding the past four years, and my parents — especially my mom."
State Rep. Gregg Cunningham also presented Ramsay with a special citation from the House of Representatives. The citation expressed the House's congratulations to Ramsay for her "outstanding athletic accomplishments."
These citations were presented to Finn and the other MVPs from the House and from the state Senate, which were presented by Sen. J. Doyle Corman, were given to each member of the national champion Lady Lion gymnastics and fencing teams.
These citations congratulated the fencers and gymnasts for their "outstanding and tremendous athletic accomplishments" in winning the national championships.
"The reason these come from the House and the Senate," Cunningham said, "is because the pride in your accomplishments is state-wide. You represent all of Pennsylvania."
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"Nobody in the country has accomplished more than the women at Penn State," he said. "We're very proud of you, and we're going to do whatever we can to keep all our programs at least on the same level they are now."
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"What can I say?" Ramsay said when she received the citation. Afterwards she added, "I'm deeply honored. And I'm surprised, very surprised. An honor from the House — I've just heard about things like that."
All the awards Ramsay received hold

...and sets school scoring record

By RON MUSSELMAN
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Candy Finn is well on her way in becoming the best women's lacrosse player ever at Penn State.
Her 14-goal outburst yesterday against East Stroudsburg not only broke the school record of 11 goals she established last year against Delaware, but also gave her 100 career goals.
Finn said she did not expect that kind of a day against the winless Warriors.
"Going in we were just planning to use the game as a preparation for nationals," Finn said. "It was important for us to have a good game, and when the team started to concentrate we played well."
As far as an individual preparation goes, I have set a new goal to reach each game, and this helps to make me a better player. My sights were set on scoring my 100th goal today, and everything worked out well for me and the team. When the team plays well, then it's really fun to play."

Penn State coach Gillian Rattray had nothing but words of praise when referring to Finn's performance.
"She's an extraordinary player," Rattray said. "She broke a couple of records out there today. She got her 100th goal and this is the first time it has ever been done by a sophomore. I was very pleased with her performance today. She is a very special type of athlete."
Finn's 14 goals moved her into third place on the all-time Penn State scoring list. The all-time leader is former All-American Sharon Duffey, who graduated from the same high school as Finn.
Finn, who was chosen as a first-team All-American in field hockey and lacrosse earlier this week, feels that there are a couple of main reasons why she is having such an outstanding season.
"The older players on the team, my coaches and playing for the United States team this year has helped me,

aspecial place with her.
"The MVP is a nice one to have because it comes from the team and the coach; I'll miss them," Ramsay said.
"The award for squash is very important because it represents four years of hard work. It was very emotional, very rewarding. And the Lion was presented by one of my favorite men, Dick Penneck. It's something I'll never forget."
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develop my placement in shots and has improved my passing," she said.
Finn hopes the team can continue its success this weekend in Princeton, N.J., as it tries to capture the national championship for the third straight year.
"Right now we're in a very good spot going into the tournament," Finn said. "There is not as much pressure on us. Since the loss to Maryland we have been fighting back and proving to ourselves and other people that we have the capability of becoming national champions again."
The Lady Lions' only loss this season was a 7-6 defeat to Maryland two weeks ago, and Finn feels that they will be the team to beat at nationals.
"Maryland will probably be the toughest," she said, "but then again, everyone will be tough. Our first game will be against either Yale or Harvard and it will just be a matter of taking each game one at a time."



Photo by Nick Chittenden

East Stroudsburg goalie Cindy Parente clears the ball from the goal area after being pressured by Penn State's first home Lynn Thompson yesterday at Lady Lion Field. Penn State won the game 31-0, as Thompson scored seven goals and teammate Candy Finn set a school record by scoring 14.

Stickgals overwhelm in shutout against Warriors

By CAROL KAUFFMAN
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A few members of the women's lacrosse team lounged around in the backfield during the game yesterday with East Stroudsburg at Lady Lion Field.
It wasn't that defenders Cindy O'Donnell and Cindy Karpinski and goalie Alisa Logan weren't doing their jobs. They just didn't have much to do because the offense was busy bombarding the Warriors, 31-0.
"They weren't taking very good shots," said Logan after recording her second career shutout. "The game was good for the offense."
For the first minute or so it looked as though Penn State was taking East Stroudsburg a little too much for granted. The Lady Lions seemed to be passing wide and looked sloppy. But Penn State coach Gillian Rattray said the wind affected the passing, causing it to be off.
"Right at the beginning, the wind was a definite factor," Rattray said. "It looked like we were passing sloppy. People don't realize the effect that wind like that can have on a real small ball like we use."
Although the wind died down around halftime, the Lady Lions had adjusted to it so well that by then they held a commanding 14-0 lead.
About two minutes into the game, first home Lynn Thompson set her pace, firing in her first of seven goals. A few minutes after that second home Candy Finn went on the warpath, scoring four goals in a row. Finn finished the game with 14 goals.
Finn's eighth goal made her the third Lady Lion to score 100 goals. She also broke her own record of 11 goals in a single game, which she set last season against Delaware. The 31 team goals are the highest amount the Lady Lions have ever scored.
While Finn and Thompson were responsible for 21 of the Lady Lions' goals, the rest of the offense wasn't about to be denied its share. Laurie Hoke contributed five goals, Deb Castor scored three and Jo Javens and Michele Fielder had one apiece.
Rattray said she was pleased with the game, especially with the offense's performance. She said the offense was trying to

spread the scoring out, work on the short passing game and get assists on the goals.
"I think you can't rely on one person," Rattray said. "And we have a lot of scoring power. I really do think we're peaking. I think we have a big variety of shooters."
When Rattray said the Lady Lions have a variety of shooters, she meant that they can shoot any way and from anywhere — from behind the net or from either side. That's almost not fair against a freshman goalie from a Division II school, which is why Rattray said East Stroudsburg goalie Cindy Parente had a good game. Parente had 21 saves which isn't bad against the Lady Lions.
Sometimes in games against weak opponents, the stronger team has a tendency to overlook the opposition and to lower its own caliber of play. Rattray said she was glad the Lady Lions played up to their ability.
"It's easy to lower your standard and get sloppy," she said. "They stayed out there and maintained the pace. That was a real team effort."
Many of the offensive players thought the game was a good warm-up for nationals.
"It was a good game to practice our plays and offense," Castor said. "We played our game the whole day."
"Everyone was relaxed," Fielder said. "It helped everyone's confidence."
While the Lady Lions' offense was cranking out its 31 shots, the defense was yawning. The Warriors only took 15 shots on goal and Logan only had to stop nine of them.
Although Logan said the game wasn't a good preparation for nationals this weekend because there wasn't much action at her end of the field, Rattray said she has no questions about her goalie's ability to be ready by Friday.
"She has to warm up for every game," Rattray said. "She has good mental preparation. She'll have forgotten this by Friday although I'm sure she would have liked some more shots."
Today the Lady Lions leave to defend their national title at the national championship to be held in Princeton, N.J., this weekend. They are seeded second behind Maryland and get a first round bye.

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